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MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH, }
Coosa County, Alabama. }

The Central Association met, in its Fourteenth Annual Session, with the above named Church, on the 2d day of October, A. D. 1858.

At 11 o'clock, A. M., the Introductory Sermon was preached from Ps. 145 : 11 v., by Elder P. Stout.

The body met at half past one o'clock, P. M., and was called to order by Elder Joseph Bankston, Moderator. Clerk at his station. Prayer by Elder J. A. Collins.

Bro. Wm. T. Hatchett and A. C. Baker read the letters sent up from the churches, when the following brethren appeared as delegates :

FIRST DISTRICT.

[Names of Ordained Ministers in SMALL CAPITALS ; Licentiates in *italics*.]

Shiloh.—J. BANKSTON, R. Edwards, A. Little, E. Pinson.

Elkahatchie.—B. SKIPPER, L. Marbury, S. J. Thomas.

Friendship.—P. McKinney.

Mt. Zion, Tal.—T. J. RUSSELL, S. L. Dean, A. J. Dodson.

Town Creek.—J. T. P. Christian.

Spring Hill.—William Adkins.

Liberty East, Tal.—William Knight, H. J. Pickard.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Liberty West, Tal.—M. D. L. Thomas, J. Russell, Jos. Smith.

Union.—W. C. Barnes, W. M. Lindsey, P. STOUT, J. W. JETER, J. D. Letcher, A. B. Callaway, W. Rives.

Harmony.—J. H. COLLEY, Nathan Jester, L. D. Hardin.

Bethesda.—John A. Suttle, William Cross, James Walston.

Concord.—Jones Stephens.

Shady Grove.—William Allen, William Hand, R. S. Bussey.

THIRD DISTRICT.

Mt. Zion.—JOEL NICKOLS, *Charles Gregory*, James Willis.

Good Hope.—Y. D. HARRINGTON, A. W. Colley, E. Wadsworth, J. C. Ingraham, H. Meadows.

Bethlehem.—J. H. Norton, Joel Calhoun, D. Cogan.

Refuge.—J. N. Garrett.

Antioch.—W. C. Barkley, J. P. Collier.

1st Wetumpka.—J. D. WILLIAMS, R. Smoot, A. J. Terrell, W. R. Barnes, Thomas T. Steed.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

Mt. Olive.—Not represented.

Wegguska.—E. Calfee, S. Hughes, Benjamin Callaway.

Union Springs.—Not represented.

Bethany.—S. L. Thomas, A. J. Smith.

Mt. Moriah.—Isaiah Holmes.

Salem.—A. Lewis.

Poplar Springs.—J. R. STEELY, J. A. Pylant, R. White, J. A. Logan, L. W. Pressly.

Rockford.—J. W. Suttle, George E. Brewer, W. Cowart.

Sardis.—E. T. AKINS, William Conaway.

Providence.—Henry Norrell.

After the names were enrolled, the body was organized by re-electing Elder Joseph Rankston, Moderator, and George E. Brewer, Clerk ; Bros. Baker and Law acting as Tellers.

Ministering brethren being invited to seats, Elder F. M. Law came forward.

Upon a call for churches petitioning membership in this Association, Sardis and Mt. Moriah, in Coosa county, with Refuge, from Tallapoosa county, newly constituted churches ; and Liberty, bearing a letter from Liberty Association, each handed in their letters, were separately voted upon, received, and the right hand of fellowship extended.

The following committees were appointed to report this session :

To arrange preaching : Bros. Gregory, Nickols, J. W. Suttle, Calfee, Smoot.

Finance and auditing : Bros. Pylant, Adkins, Cowart.

Documents and requests : Bros. Terrell, Harrington, Willis.

Nominations : Edwards, Marbury, S. J. Thomas.

Correspondence : W. C. Barnes, Hughes, Logan.

On motion of Bro. W. C. Barnes, the committee "to prepare a Digest of Letters" was stricken out of the order of business.

Upon a call for correspondence, Bros. J. L. M. Curry, J. A. Collins, and J. J. Bullington, presented themselves as correspondents, bearing a letter from the Coosa River Association.

Unity Association was represented by Bro. A. C. Baker, bearing a letter and minutes from that body.

Tuskegee Association continued correspondence by Bros. W. W. Mason, and S. Henderson, with minutes.

East Alabama Convention by Bros. J. J. Bullington, W. W. Mason, and J. A. Collins.

The committee to arrange preaching, reported for this night, at the church, Elder J. R. Steely and E. T. Akins ; at the Methodist meeting house, one and a half miles East, Elder F. M. Law, and T. J. Russell. On Sabbath, prayer meeting at half past nine ; Elder J. A. Collins at half past two, P. M. ; J. J. Bullington at night.

SABBATH, October 3, 1858.

The services of this day were conducted in the aforementioned order, except the Missionary Sermon, preached by Elder Joel Nickols, from Isaiah, 42d ch., 14th v.; after which a collection was taken up, amounting to \$41.05.

MONDAY, October 4, 1858.

The body met pursuant to adjournment. Opened by prayer from Bro. W. W. Mason.

Minutes of Saturday read and adopted.

Moved by Elder J. D. Williams, to suspend the regular order of business, to allow him to move for a committee. Carried.

Then moved that a committee of one from each district be appointed, to take into consideration the "Missionary Colporteur operations of the Association, and report plan for continuance." Carried, and Williams Edwards, W. C. Barnes, and Steely, appointed said committee.

Decorum read, and roll called, erasing absentees.

Upon motion of Elder T. J. Russell, regular business was further suspended, to allow the Bro. Clerk to ask a committee to re-district the Association. The committee granted consisted of Bros. Stephens, White, Skipper, and Nickols.

The committee upon preaching made the following report: Bros. Russell and Akins at 11, A. M.; Bros. Bullington and Norton in the afternoon; Bros. S. Henderson and Steely at night.

A communication was read from Bro. Tichenor, Secretary of the Baptist Book Emporium, at Montgomery, tendering a donation, from said Emporium, of \$50 worth of books to this Association. On motion of Bro. Stout, this communication was referred to the Missionary Colporteur committee.

The Board of Trustees and standing committees not being ready to report, the Moderator appointed the following committees, to report at the next session, viz:

Sunday Schools.—Bros. Steely, White, and Pressly.

State of Religion.—Bros. Akins, Brewer, and Brown.

Miss. of S. B. Convention.—Williams, Terrell, W. C. Barnes.

Education.—Stout, Lindsey, Letcher.

Temperance.—Skipper, Little, A. Maxwell.

Elder J. D. Williams, from the Missionary Colporteur committee, reported a plan of dividing the funds among the four districts, having a committee in each, to search out needy persons, to whom the books were to be gratuitously distributed; also accepting the donation from the Baptist Book Emporium, and vesting in the hands of the executive committee the right to select and draw said books.

Upon motion of Bro. Terrell, the report was laid upon the table until the executive committee shall submit theirs.

The Board of Trustees of the Central Institute made their report as follows, viz:

Annual Report of Trustees of Central Institute.—"At the close of the last session of 1857, the peculiar condition of Bro. Holmes' health made it necessary that he should retire from the Institution. Of this our brethren were informed by the publication of Bro. Holmes' resignation, and the action of the Board thereon.

Since then we have been endeavoring by correspondence, and otherwise, to obtain the services of some suitable individual to take his place, but have not yet succeeded. We are in correspondence now with several teachers, and have no doubt but what we shall be able to secure a competent Principal soon. Our aim has been to secure the *highest order* of qualifications. Had we been satisfied with less than this, we could have had the school in operation at the commencement of the year.

The financial condition of the Institution is as follows :

LIABILITIES.

Two notes to S. J. Thomas, each \$1,716.82½.....	\$3,433.65
One note to George Taylor.....	449.44
Total.....	\$3,883.09

ASSETS.

Notes and subscriptions considered good.....	\$530.05
" " " " doubtful.....	\$302.52 }
" " " " bad.....	\$820.90 }
Leaving a balance against the Institution, after deducting the bad and doubtful debts, of.....	\$3,353.04

The notes held by Messrs. Thomas and Taylor are for money borrowed by the Board of Trustees, on their individual responsibility, to pay the indebtedness of the Institution. This money is now due, and the Board expects the Association to provide some means to pay it.

We have a very interesting Sabbath School in the chapel of the Institute, numbering about eighty pupils and teachers.

Prof. Walkley still has charge of the Female Academy. The Board take great pleasure in commending him to the Association, and the public, as possessing in an eminent degree those qualifications that are requisite to fit him for the position he occupies.

By order of the Board, Oct. 1, 1858.

W. M. LINDSEY, Secretary."

The report was, upon motion of Bro. Williams, received, and a motion made to refer to a special committee, to take into consideration the best policy to be pursued by the Association toward the Institution. Motion discussed by Bros. Williams, Gregory, Henderson, Curry, Nickols.

Pending the discussion, the body adjourned for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After the expiration of the recess, the body again met, and the discussion was resumed by Bro. W. W. Mason, and carried on by Bros. Collins, Adkins, and Skipper.

The question was taken, and the report referred to a committee of one from each district, consisting of Bros. Marbury, W. C. Barnes, Williams, Calfee, and the Moderator.

The Treasurer submitted his report, which was received, and referred to the committee on finance and auditing.

The executive committee made the following report, which was received and adopted, viz :

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The executive committee of the Central Baptist Association beg leave to submit their annual report.

Soon after the last meeting of your body, the committee held a meeting, at which they appointed Elder W. W. B. Weston, Missionary and Colporteur for the current associational year. He accepted, and was to have entered into service on the 1st November following. In this arrangement, your committee felt happy that they had secured the time and the talents of one whom they believed was not only the choice of the Association, but was well qualified, under the Divine blessing, to meet the hopes and expectations of the churches, in the great and good work contemplated. But about the time he should have entered upon it—the work of his choice—the work his heart rejoiced in prospect of, God laid his hand upon him, placed him upon a bed of severe suffering, physically and mentally. His malady continued, sometimes permitting him to be up and on foot for a short season, thus kindling hope in himself and his friends, and again prostrating him ; and with unfeigned sorrow we have to state that at this writing he is still an invalid and a great sufferer. Over this providence God has thrown a veil so thick that our vision cannot penetrate, nor would we question His wisdom and goodness in it. "Thou did'st it." Your committee indulged hope, as did himself and many anxious friends, that the opening of the Spring might so far restore him as to enable him to take the appointed field. Meantime, they were looking and inquiring for another, in the event he should continue invalid. As the Spring opened, it brought with it but partial relief to him, and he finally abandoned the hope he had so long fondly cherished, and your committee then sought to fill his place, but found themselves embarrassed at every point. Our ministers of age, experience, and known qualifications to fill the expectations and meet the wants of the churches and communities in the missionary department, we found were either so engaged with the churches that they could not leave them, or having pitched their crops, were obliged to cultivate them, the season having passed when hands usually are hired.

In this state of the subject, your committee considered whether they would best serve their brethren by letting the whole plan fail, or endeavor, in the best way they they could, to carry out the Colporteur department of the enterprise. They had had the funds in Bro. Suttle's

hands ordered to Selma ; had ordered from Selma over \$80 worth of books that were on hand, beside about \$90 of old stock at Rockford : these we were frequently informed the brethren were anxious to have distributed. We decided on the latter course, and then made the best appointment we could, under the circumstances, in Elder Benjamin H. Timmermon, who entered into the service on the 21st of May last ; and your committee believe he has labored zealously and faithfully, even beyond what might be regarded the bounds of prudence, on account of the state of his health. He has made his returns with more than ordinary correctness, and promptly paid over the cash received for sales ; and your committee hope has done much good. Those amongst whom he has been laboring can form a better estimate of the value of them than we can. We refer to the accompanying paper marked A. for aggregates. We would also refer you to the accompanying papers B. and C., for statements showing the Book and Colportage department, and of the cash account between the committee and the Association. The former shows that the capital invested, after deducting all the grants, leaves a small gain ; and that the actual stock of Books, Bibles and Testaments on hand amount to \$124.24. The latter, or cash account, exhibits all the receipts and disbursements of cash by your committee, and shows a balance on hand of \$100.67, subject to the direction of your body. These show that no cash has been received from the accounts for books sold by Bro. Suttle, which were put into the hands of Bro. Timmermon for collection, excepting \$4.90 in books from Elder Akins.

The aggregate of these accounts is.....	\$48 39
Less	4 90

\$43 49

Nor have we received anything from the subscription list made at Wetumpka, also put in Bro. T.'s hands for collection, amounting to.....\$74 00

Together now amounting to.....\$117 49

As the subscriptions made at Wetumpka were not called for, for several years, and no direct call until the current year, the subscribers have generally considered it as abandoned, and your committee recommend that the Association cancel them.

Your committee would further state that they hold Bro. Timmermon's receipt for the \$20 paid him, as charged in cash, and \$3.50 he received, say \$2.50 collection from Harmony Church, and \$1 from Azariah Pinston, making the sum of \$23.50 on account his salary to 30th September ult., which amounts to \$144.44, as per account herewith, leaving a balance then due him of \$120.94.

An abstract of the statement of the Colporteur's operations will be forwarded to the Alabama Bible and Colporteur Society, to whom there is due and to be paid out of the funds on hand \$15.20.

J. D. WILLIAMS, Chairman.

NOTE.—During the session of the Association, \$19.13 was received for balance of Elder Akin's account for books, and on 6th inst., \$26.10 from Colporteur, for sale of books, Bibles and Testaments, during the session, increasing the balance of cash in the hands of the committee to \$145.90. Elder Timmermon also reported the following sums received on subscriptions for Colportage made in 1857, viz: from Nathan Jester and John Colly \$1.50; J. P. T. Christian \$1; Wm. Connoway \$1; Wm. M. Lindsey \$2; in all \$5.50, which he was charged with in settlement for salary; to which was added \$4.44, for four days since 30th ult., making his entire account \$148.88, closed by your committee's order on the Treasurer of the Association for balance of \$119.88, payable out of the funds for that object in his hands, for which his receipt in full is on file.

The abstracts of balances of the accompanying documents, referred to in the body of this report and this supplement, the originals having been read in detail before the Association, it is believed contain all the information necessary to be published.

J. D. WILLIAMS, Chairman.

STATISTICAL STATEMENT

Of the operations of the Elder Benjamin H. Timmermon, Missionary and Colporteur of the Central Baptist Association, from May 21st to September 30th, 1858, inclusive.

COLPORTEUR DEPARTMENT.

Books sold, 206 volumes, for.....	\$103 83
“ granted, 99 volumes, for.....	19 95—\$123 78
Bibles and Testaments sold, 34 volumes, for.....	35 10
“ “ “ granted, 69 volumes, for.....	19 95—\$55 05

In all, 408 Books, Bibles and Testaments, sold and granted, \$178 83

NOTE.—122 volumes Books, \$10.18; 2 Bibles \$3.35, making \$13.53, sold by the committee, make total sales and grants of Books, Bibles and Testaments, 532 volumes, amounting to \$192.36.

MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.

Preached 41 sermons; delivered 15 exhortations and addresses; attended 11 prayer meetings; visited and held religious conversation and devotional services with 141 families; aided in the constitution of 2 churches; visited 3 Sunday schools; found 51 families destitute of the Bible; have performed 165 days work, and traveled 1022 miles.

NOTE.—He reports greater destitution of the Bible, and good religious books, and greater necessity for oral religious instruction, and the means of grace generally, in some portions of his field, than he had supposed existed; and that he was kindly received and treated; found scarcely any opposition to his work.

SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT.

During the session of the Association, the Colporteur	
Sold 15 Bibles and Testaments, for.....	\$11 20
Granted 1 Testament.....	10—\$11 30
Sold 37 volumes Books, for.....	14 90
Granted 7 volumes Books.....	60—\$15 50
	\$26 80

Which added, make the entire sales and grants of Bibles and Testaments and Books, 592 volumes, amounting to \$219.18; leaving now on hand 69 Bibles and Testaments, \$18.05, and 269 volumes of Books, \$79.39; together \$97.44.

On motion of Bro. Suttle, the report of the Missionary Colporteur committee remain upon the table for the time being.

The committee on the State of Religion reported as follows, which was received and adopted :

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

Your committee regret the absence of such statistical information as they would desire to lay before you, but we thank God, the giver of all good and perfect gifts, that we are enabled to report some pleasing intelligence on the great and important subject of religion.

God, by His Holy Spirit, operating through His ministers, and other means in His hands, has aroused His church and people to a lively sense of their religious duties, during the past associational year; and we to-day bless and praise His holy name that His church, whose light had almost become extinct, is now revived to some extent, and is reflecting its light upon the hearts of the unregenerate, and discovering unto them their true condition before God, through which many have been brought to repentance toward Him, and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

From the information obtained, we feel to thank God for the outpouring of His Holy Spirit upon His creature man, almost all over this happy land. But let us come nearer home; yes, even within the bounds of this our beloved Central Association, and we find that God has greatly blessed his people during the past year. The Holy Spirit has reached the churches, and the hearts of their members, who have been revived.

We bless God that, through the influence of the spirit, the brethren do not now neglect the assembling of themselves together, to pray with and for each other, as has been their manner in former days; and we do bless God's holy name, that almost every church in our bounds has been revived to a greater or less degree; and many rough stones, from nature's quarry, have been polished, and fitted for the temple of our God. All honor and praise be to His holy name for His blessings.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. SUTTLE, Chairman.

The committee upon the Missions of the S. B. Convention, laid before the body their report, which was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COM. ON MISSIONS OF THE S. B. CONVENTION.

The committee on nominations reported Elder J. D. Williams to preach the next Introductory Sermon; Elder B. Skipper, Alternate; Elder Platt Stout to preach the Missionary Sermon; Elder J. R. Steely, Alternate.

Board of Trustees for Central Institute.—Joseph Bankston, W. M.

Lindsey, W. C. Barnes, A. B. Callaway, J. W. Jeter, A. T. Maxwell, P. McKinney, R. Smoot, J. D. Letcher, D. W. Bozeman, J. A. Pylant, Owen Swindle, and A. J. Terrell.

R. EDWARDS, Chairman.

The above nominations were confirmed by the Association.

Business was then suspended, and the committee on correspondence submitted the following report :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Your committee beg leave to report, that but two letters from corresponding Associations have been placed in our hands. These are from the Unity and Coosa River Associations. One of these bodies speaks of the increase of beneficence, and the other of its decrease. These bodies have been blessed with the gracious outpouring of the Divine Spirit, and are enjoying the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace.

We recommend a continuance of correspondence with those Associations hitherto in communication with us, and that we thus perpetuate the fraternal relations which have for so many years happily existed.

The letter from Union Church requests this body to become a member of the East Alabama Convention. Your committee cordially concur in the request, and recommend this body to appoint delegates to the Convention.

W. C. BARNES, Chairman.

Upon a motion to adopt, Bro. Curry arose and spoke to the objects touched upon in the report, in the most felicitous manner.

At the close of his remarks, the body adjourned till 9 A. M. the 5th.

TUESDAY, Oct. 5, 1858.

The body met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder B. Skipper.

Minutes of Monday read and adopted.

The question being upon the adoption of the report of the committee on correspondence, it was spoken to briefly by Bro. Collins, when time was granted for securing subscribers to the missionary enterprise of the Convention. One hundred and five dollars were subscribed, to be paid annually, for five years. Seven dollars to be paid annually, during the life of the subscribers. Twelve dollars and twenty-five cents for the present year.

The question was taken upon adoption, which was carried.

Bros. J. W. Suttle, Brewer, Stout, Steely, Allen, Rives, Bankston, Bussey, Skipper, Cross, and Williams, were appointed delegates to attend the Convention.

The special committee upon the report of the Board of Trustees, submitted the following :

Your committee on the report of the Board of Trustees of the Central Institute, beg leave to present the following :

First, That it is, best, in their view, to postpone for one year the

question of sale of the Institution, to give an opportunity to its friends to pay it out of debt ; and would recommend, *secondly*, that the Association, forthwith, suspend its business, to allow all present the opportunity to give their obligations for such sums, towards this object, as they are willing to pay in two installments ; one half payable the first of January next, and the other half the first of January, 1860.

Thirdly, We recommend volunteers to be called for, from the different districts of the Association, to bring the subject before their churches, and the friends of education in their bounds, and receive the obligations for sums offered for relief of the Institution ; and report to the Board at the meeting of the East Alabama Convention, in May next, to be held in the chapel of the Institute.

We recommend the publication, in your minutes, of the report of the Board referred to us.

L. MARBURY, Chairman.

The report was adopted, and during the suspension, a subscription was taken, amounting to \$581.00.

The following brethren volunteered as agents for taking up subscriptions, viz : B. Skipper, R. Edwards, R. White, J. W. Suttle, Wm. Cross, Wm. Allen, J. P. Collier, J. H. Colley, W. L. Bayce, P. Stout, and J. D. Williams.

The following report, from the committee on Temperance, was adopted :

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

It is with some degree of regret that your committee is called upon to make a report at this time, for so far as human ken extends, the churches of the Association, in their membership, are retrograding, even from the standard, low as it was, which had heretofore been planted upon the walls of our Zion. There are, however, some who stand firmly upon the rock where their feet were placed years ago, and, with sabre drawn, nobly guard the breach, to repel the advances of the foe of our race. What, under God, may be the result, we know not ; but trusting in Him whose cause it is, we hope for better things.

We trust that pastors of the churches will bring this subject before their membership, in the spirit of love, and urge our brethren to a higher position.

There are some societies in existence, in the county, which are doing good, and extending their influence. May God give them speed !

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. A. PYLANT, Chairman.

The committee on Sabbath Schools also reported, which report was adopted.

REPORT OF COM. ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The importance of Sabbath School discipline, and the religious instruction imparted to the young in those well styled nurseries of the church, needs no comment, and we deem it unnecessary to make a

lengthy report; but their practical results, wherever tried, and energetically conducted, have ever been apparent to almost every religious denomination in the land.

Your committee has not been able to collect statistics sufficient to warrant them in laying before your body an accurate account of the Sabbath Schools within your bounds, either as regards the number in operation, or the number of scholars in attendance; but we have reason to believe that the Sabbath School enterprise is on the advance; the demand for books, in our bounds, having been greater the past year than formerly.

Your committee, appreciating the vital importance of training up a child in the way he should go, would beg leave to offer the following:

Resolved, That this Association recommend to the pastors and deacons of each church, at which there is not a Sabbath School, the propriety of urging their respective churches to organize and sustain one, if practicable, even at a sacrifice on time and means; and that the churches, belonging to this Association, be requested to report annually whether they have a Sabbath School in operation, together with all the useful information in regard to them.

R. SMOOT, Chairman.

REPORT

To the Central Baptist Association, on the Missions of the Southern Baptist Convention.

In the organization of the Association, she recognizes the obligation the Bible imposes upon the churches of our Lord Jesus Christ, to be "workers together with God," in spreading the knowledge of salvation among all nations. This was starting in the right direction; how well she has run, behooves us seriously to enquire.

The question of duty in this respect being thus settled, your committee would present the following considerations, in order to "stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance."

Comparing the present state of the world with what was known of it even a quarter of a century past, we are astounded at what God hath wrought in preparing the way that his glory may be speedily "revealed to all flesh." The heart swells with joy as we trace the hand of God in the vast changes he has wrought, and facilities he has opened for the commercial, social, and religious intercourse of mankind. Such are the speed and conveniences of travel and transportation by steam vessels and rail roads, that distant nations are brought into close neighborly and intimate association. The perfection to which electricity has been brought as a medium of communicating thought—the bold and successful experiment of laying an electric cable across the bed of the Atlantic, has demonstrated the practicability of extending lines to all parts of the habitable earth, and the unwonted energy with which the civilized world are moving in this mighty enterprise—indicates that it will be but a short time until there shall be "*no more sea.*" It even now is a thing to be believed and talked

about without ridicule, that in a few more years man may hold converse with, and receive intelligence from, his fellow man on opposite sides of the globe, in the space of a few hours.

These channels have been opened by men, having no reference to the spread of the blessed gospel and extension of the reign of Messiah on earth. Nevertheless, the hand and design of God may be distinctly seen in thus exalting the valleys, levelling the mountains and hills, making the crooked straight and the rough places plain for "*a highway to our God*," which he has already used, and doubtless will continue to use in a much greater ratio, for the transmission of intelligence, of men and of means, by which the knowledge of Jesus shall be conveyed to every nation and people under heaven.

Now contemplate the opening of the doors to, and removal of obstructions out of the way of free ingress of the gospel to the Moham-medans of the empire of Turkey. The vast empire of China, by recent treaties, is also open to the unmolested, the *protected* privilege of the Missionary of Christ's gospel. He may now go with the Bible in hand, and speak freely of the great salvation it reveals to the four hundred millions of her educated idolaters.

Africa, degraded, wicked, wonderful people. We have strange, almost incredible tidings from Livingston and Bowen, who have each spent many years in the interior and central parts of the continent, in regard to the number and multitude of her tribes, their intellectual and moral phase, and the geography of the country, climate, etc.; whilst almost every vessel arriving from her gloomy shores, brings us cheering news from the living resident missionaries among them, confirming the formers' statements—all showing that they are accessible, ready to receive and welcome the minister of reconciliation, the man that will "show unto them the way of salvation."

What means those terrible commotions in British India? How revolting to humanity the dreadful slaughter of human beings! The success of the British arms in recovering what they had lost; the prospect of her ultimate triumph, in connection with the merging of the East India government into that of the crown of England, seems to suggest that the Governor of the nations is overturning, until He shall come whose right it is to reign—that He is there preparing a way and a people for the triumphs of the gospel and the glory of God our Savior.

Again, the throes and heavings of Europe—the mighty agitation of the public mind and heart on the subject of political and religious liberty—the open conflict going on between the friends of a pure Bible religion and the supporters of Roman Catholicism and of the other rotten systems of religion leaning upon the State for their authority and support, suggests that it is time for us to wake out of sleep, "for the morning seems to dawn."

But we cease our wanderings abroad, and return home to our be-

loved country, to *Jerusalem*—and lo, stretching far to the West, we see spread over her vast and beautiful prairies, her mountains and valleys, beside her lakes and rivers, multitudes of the tribes of the sons of the forest, the aborigines of our country; a lamentable majority of whom are still uncivilized, barbarous pagans, who know not the true God nor his Son Jesus Christ, the only name given under heaven amongst men by which they can be saved, still sitting in the “valley and shadow of death.” By wars and other causes peculiar to their condition, decreasing in number so rapidly, that unless it be arrested, but a few generations will have passed when they will only be known to the inhabitants of earth by tradition, and the scanty records of their history that may be preserved. *Poor Indian!* O, how loud “they call us to deliver their land from error’s chain,” their tribes from nonentity, their souls from death. Then we have about one and a half millions of the sons of Africa amongst us. They are to be found in all our great cities, in our towns and villages, on our cotton plantations, our farms, on the highways, in our factories, work-shops, and in our families. These are dependent exclusively upon us for their moral and religious culture.

The heavy and constantly accumulating tide of foreign population, mingling with us as citizens, bringing with them their various corrupt systems of national religion, and of infidelity, we must enlighten and elevate by the gospel, or they will contaminate us. We speak of the masses of them; they have souls, and we must care for them.

To this foreign population is to be added the thousands of our native born citizens, inhabiting our cities and towns, our frontier states and territories, and many portions of the old and well settled states, for whose religious instruction no adequate means have yet been provided.

Here, then, is an imperfect map or chart of our field. How great, how glorious the work to which it invites us!

God in his providence has caused “the earth help the woman,” by casting up ways and providing facilities, that his purposes of mercy—of mercy to the guilty and the lost—may be carried out. He has ordained that “many shall run to and fro and knowledge shall be increased;” and he will accomplish it.

The time is at hand when the herald of salvation shall blow the trumpet of the gospel, and the joyful sound to the uttermost parts of the earth, by people prepared of the Lord: and going in person, lo, he shall find an open door before him, through which he may freely enter; and to combine and render more efficient our personal efforts to reach and to rescue them, the Southern Baptist Convention has organized two boards of missions, composed of well-tried, faithful brethren, one for the management of foreign, the other home missions.

The foreign board, by the advice of the Convention, have selected China and Africa for their cultivation; the domestic board for theirs, the waste places of our own country—cities, towns, and regions desti-

tute of or inadequately supplied with the appointed means of grace ; and the Indian tribes, once inhabitants and lords of the soil we in part now possess for an inheritance for ourselves and our children.

These boards have no means independent of that which is supplied by their brethren ; they are but almoners in distributing the funds placed in their treasury, and they only direct and supervise the men placed under their charge by the churches ; and whilst much has been accomplished through God's blessing, it is a painful fact, that their treasuries are but too meagerly supplied. Already are the boards appealing to the churches for means to sustain their present laborers, whilst the fields are inviting them to send forth more laborers into the harvest, which they cannot do in justice to the appointees and the cause they represent, until the means for their support are provided.

Your committee present these general views of the subject, as data upon which your judgments may act ; your motives should be quickened, your religious sympathies for the condition of the perishing, should be stirred and moved in the right direction.

They would as brethren call and beseech you to " lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already to the harvest," and as it is truly " plenteous but the laborers are few, pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth more laborers," that they may " put in the sickle," and garner the grain into the garner of the Lord.

From all these works of God's providence ; from the unprecedented work of His grace in the awaking and conversion of souls in many parts of our country ; from the glad tidings borne to us by these assembled messengers of the churches ; by the blessings of Providence in the abundant yield of the fruits of the earth ; by all the manifestations of his loving kindness ; by our love to Christ his cause and the souls of men ; by our hope of heaven through his blood and righteousness, God is calling us to arise, shake ourselves from the dust, and honestly, earnestly work together with Him in glorifying His Son in the salvation of sinners. Shall we not heed his call ?

" Shall we, whose souls are lighted
By wisdom from on high,
Shall we to man benighted
The light of life deny ?"

Kind Heaven in mercy forbid it. Let us rather consecrate, as we have not yet done, our souls, and all we have and are, to the service of Him " who died for us and rose again ;" and we may assure our hearts, that relying on the grace of God, our labors will not be in vain in the Lord. " They that sow in tears shall reap in joy."

PLATT STOUT, Chairman.

The committee on Education were not prepared with a report.

The committee for re-districting the Association made their report,

but did not change the districts, only adding the new churches to their respective districts.

The report of the committee on Colportage was taken from the table. Upon motion of George E. Brewer, the body resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the report and subject, Bro. Suttle in the chair.

The committee received a proposition from Bro. Henderson, proposing a union between the Central and Tuskegee Associations, the more efficiently to carry on the work of Colportage.

After sitting for some time, the committee arose and reported progress, asking leave to sit again.

The body then adjourned for forty minutes.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After recess the body again convened. The committee again sat upon the report.

After some time, the committee arose and reported the following substitute, viz :

COLPORTAGE AND MISSIONARY REPORT.

The committee having had under consideration the report referred, beg leave to suggest the following substitute :

That the funds belonging to the Colportage system of this Association, be placed in the hands of the executive committee, and *that* committee be instructed to take into consideration the proposition submitted from the Tuskegee Association, by Elder S. Henderson ; and if, in their opinion, it will better meet the necessities of the Association, they are hereby empowered to form such union. The executive committee, in case of such union, are instructed to say that the appointment of Bro. J. A. Pylant to the work, will give satisfaction to the Association.

If such union cannot be effected, then they are empowered to make such arrangements as the funds under their control will authorize, that the Colporteur operations of the Association may be continued.

I. W. SUTTLE, Chairman.

The substitute was adopted, and Bros. J. D. Williams, P. Stout, A. J. Terrell, R. Smoot, and W. M. Lindsey were appointed the executive committee.

The following resolutions were offered by Bro. Stout, and adopted by the body, viz :

Resolved, That this Association thankfully receive the donation of \$50 in books from the Baptist Book Emporium at Montgomery.

Resolved, That this Association recommend to the churches and brethren to patronize that institution in the purchase of needed books.

Resolved, That the books contributed by the Baptist Book Emporium, be taken charge of by the executive committee, and disposed of by them at their discretion.

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS AND REQUESTS.

Your committee on Documents and Requests beg leave to say that they have examined the documents and letters placed in their hands, and find nothing requiring attention. A. J. TERRELL, Chairman.

[The latter part of the report was stricken out, on motion of Bro. W. C. Barnes, and the following substituted.]

The establishment of a purely Baptist literature is occupying a large place in the efforts of our denomination. This effort rests upon a long felt want, and the intellect of our ablest brethren is now actively engaged in supplying that destitution, either in the form of periodicals, tracts, or books. To consummate so desirable a result, our brethren must patronize these denominational works, and thus render such pecuniary aid as shall enable our editors and authors to prosecute their noble work of popular enlightenment upon the system of christian probity, faith, and practice of our Bible. Be it therefore

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend to our brethren the continued patronage of the "Commission, Home and Foreign Journal," and the South Western Baptist," as the immediate organs of the great interests with which we stand connected.

Resolved, further, That we recognize the importance of an extended Bible defense of our system of domestic slavery, and the religious training of our slaves, as a necessary part of our religious duty, founded upon our moral obligations to the African race, and that we hail with great pleasure the inauguration of such an enterprise, under the editorial conduct of our venerable Brother, Elder J. D. Williams; and do most heartily recommend his paper, "The Southern Dial and African Monitor," to the patronage of every Southern Baptist.

The following resolution was offered by Bro. Williams and adopted:

Resolved, That the funds collected on Sabbath be equally divided between the Domestic and Foreign Mission Boards, and the Alabama Baptist Bible and Book Society.

The finance committee made their report, which was received and adopted as follows, viz:

REPORT OF COM. ON FINANCE.

Received from churches for minutes.....	\$ 63 55
“ for foreign missions.....	12 10
“ from Bro. J. C. Ingraham for Indian missions.....	1 00
“ “ Charles Gregory “ “	3 00
“ for Central Africa.....	3 00
“ for foreign missions.....	3 00
“ for Bible cause.....	1 00
“ from John Shulcler for Bible cause.....	1 00
“ from Bro. Thomas C. Russell, for Central Africa, to be sent through the East Alabama Convention.....	5 00
“ for Indian missions.....	5 00
“ for Domestic missions.....	2 50
“ for China.....	2 50
“ Sabbath collection.....	41 05
“ on Colportage.....	158 00
Total	\$301 70
We have paid Bro. Y. D. Harrington on Colportage.....	4 50
Leaving a balance of.....	\$297 20

We have examined the Treasurer's report, and find it correct. All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN A. PYLANT, Chairman.

Bro. Lindsey offered the following resolution, viz :

Resolved, That \$31.05 be appropriated for the printing of seven hundred copies of the minutes of this session ; and that the clerk shall receive \$25 for his services, and \$7.50 for postage paid on minutes of last session.

Amended on motion of Bro. Barnes :

Resolved, That the clerk be instructed to print our Constitution, Abstract of Principles, and Rules of Decorum, in the minutes of the present session.

The resolution, as amended, was adopted.

Moved by Bro. Stout, that the \$2 paid by Bro. Lindsey, this year, on his subscription to book fund at Wetumpka, be accredited on the subscription of 1857.

Bro. Barnes was unanimously re-elected Treasurer.

The following brethren offered themselves as correspondents, viz :

To Tuskegee Association—Bros. W. C. Barnes, Lindsey, Norton, and Pylant.

To Coosa River Association—Bros. Williams, Brewer, Stout, Allen, Jeter, Skipper, and Cross.

To Unity Association—Bros. Williams, Bankston, Brewer, Jeter, Conaway, Letcher.

To Alabama Association—Bro. J. D. Williams.

To Liberty Association—Corresponding letter by clerk.

Bro. Barnes stated to the Association the feeble health of Bro. Drury Harrington, and from his long labor of love among us, it was due that the Association should minister unto him ; there was immediately raised \$36.35 ; also \$3 for Bro. Weston, in like condition.

The minutes of this day were then adopted, and the body adjourned to meet at Weogufka on the Saturday before the first Sabbath in October, A. D. 1859.

While hymn No. 641 was being sung, the brethren took the parting hand, with that deep regret which ever characterizes the disbanding of a brotherhood in Christ, after which Elder J. A. Collins commended us to God in an earnest prayer.

JOSEPH BANKSTON, *Moderator*.

GEORGE E. BREWER, *Clerk*.

NOTE.—Our brethren of the S. W. Baptist give the information that it will require some nine dollars, in addition to what has been already paid, to save them from loss in the publication of the Minutes. Will the churches forward, by their messengers, to the next Association, this amount, for their relief?

GEO. E. BREWER, Clerk.

CENTRAL INSTITUTE.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

JOSEPH BANKSTON, President.

W. C. Barnes,
A. T. Maxwell,
Richard Smoot,
D. W. Bozeman,
Owen Swindle,

W. M. LINDSEY, Secretary.

J. W. Jeter,
P. McKinney,
J. D. Letcher,
J. A. Pylant,
A. B. Callaway,

A. J. Terrell.

PRINCIPAL OF CENTRAL INSTITUTE :

Prof. PASCHAL CARTER, late of Georgetown College, Ky.

AIDED BY COMPETENT ASSISTANTS.

Fall term, 1858, will open October 19th.

First term of 1859, will open second Monday in January.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be composed of members regularly chosen by the churches in our union ; but in making appointments or assigning duties, it shall be constitutional for the Association to appoint to any such duties any Ordained Minister, though such Minister be not a Delegate to this body.

ART. 2. The members so chosen shall produce letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, together with the state of their churches since their last representation.

ART. 3. The members so chosen and convened shall be called the "CENTRAL ASSOCIATION."

ART. 4. This Association shall sit as an advisory council, and shall have no power to Lord it over God's heritage, nor infringe on the internal rights of the churches ; but may withdraw from any church not orthodox in principle according to the Scriptures, and who shall fail to represent at an Association, and shall refuse to account for such failure, at the next regular session.

ART. 5. Any church desiring admission into this union, shall petition by letter and messengers, and if found orthodox, shall be received by Association, by the Moderator giving the messengers the right hand of fellowship.

ART. 6. Any church having a public gift, before proceeding to license the same, should call the gifts of two or more sister churches, or experienced members, to unite with the church in conference to examine into the nature of the gift, and upon due approval, license to be granted, and reported to the next Association.

ART. 7. Every church in our union, whose membership may be fifty or under, shall be entitled to three delegates, and for every twenty-five over fifty, they shall be entitled to one additional delegate.

ART. 8. No query shall be taken into consideration in this Association, except in cases of serious difficulty, which cannot be settled by the church, nor messengers from other churches.

ART. 9. This Association may correspond with any Baptist benevolent institution, it shall deem expedient.

ART. 10. This Association shall have a fund, supplied by the voluntary contributions of the churches; and all moneys thus contributed, shall be transmitted from the churches, by their messengers, and paid over to the committee on finance, (the committee shall be annually appointed,) whose duty it shall be to receive in charge the Association fund, and dispose of the same agreeably to order, and make at every session a fair and circumstantial report of their proceedings.

ART. 11. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator and Clerk, to be elected from her own body.

ART. 12. Difference of opinion, as to benevolent institutions of the day, shall never be made a question of fellowship in this Association.

ART. 13. Amendments or alterations, in this constitution, may be made at any regular session—two-thirds of the members present concurring therein.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe there is only one true and living God, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election by Grace, and that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, and that man is incapable of recovering himself from the fallen state he is in, by his own free will and ability.

5. We believe the Saints shall persevere in grace, and never finally fall away.

6. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of Baptism, and immersion the Apostolic mode.

7. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and that the joys of the righteous shall be eternal, and the punishment of the wicked everlasting.

8. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances, but those who have come under the hands of the Presbytery.

9. We believe that none but regularly baptised members have a right to commune at the Lord's Table.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by a majority of the members of the body, and shall hold their offices until another election.

2. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside in the deliberations of the Association, and keep order, by enforcing the rules of this Decorum, and he shall not be allowed to vote, except in cases of a tie, and then shall give the casting vote.

3. It shall be the duty of the Association, *first*, to provide for the general union of the churches, and to devise ways and means for the spread of the Gospel, and the promotion of our Redeemer's kingdom upon the earth; *second*, to maintain correspondence with sister Associations, and thus preserve a chain of communication among the churches; *third*, to give advice to the churches in cases of difficulty; *fourth*, to invite visiting ministers of our faith and order to seats with us, to aid in our deliberations.

4. At each annual session there shall be appointed, by the Association, an executive committee, consisting of ———, to whom shall be referred all matters touching the spread of the Gospel in our bounds, and report thereon at the next succeeding session of the Association.

5. There shall be appointed, as in the last preceding article, a committee of finance, to whom all funds sent up by the churches to the Association shall be paid; whose duty it shall be to report thereon during the session.

6. No motion shall be entertained by the Association until it shall be seconded; it shall then be taken up, opened for debate, and finally decided, unless withdrawn by the mover.

7. Every query sent up to this Association by any in the union, shall be read and put to vote by the Moderator, whether it shall be debated; and if there be a majority in favor, it shall be taken up and investigated; but if not, it shall be withdrawn: *Provided always*, that those be first considered which may affect the union of the churches.

8. Every member who speaks, shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator; he shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject.

9. No member shall speak more than three times upon the same subject, unless by leave of the Association.

10. There shall be no talking, whispering, or moving about, during the time of any public discussion, nor any reflection cast upon the speaker.

11. Any Delegate wishing to leave the Association before its adjournment, shall be required to make the cause known, and obtain leave of absence by vote of the body; and if any delegate shall absent himself without leave, he shall be considered guilty of disorder, and shall be erased from the list of delegates.

12. A member violating any of these rules shall be reprov'd by the Moderator.

13. This Decorum shall be read at each annual session of the Association, immediately after its organization.

14. This Decorum may, at any regular session, be altered or amended, a majority of the body concurring therein.

STANDING ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Hear the letters from the churches.
2. Elect a Moderator and Clerk.
3. Extend the usual invitation to visiting Ministers.
4. Call for petitions from churches wishing to join.
5. Appoint the following committees to report during the session :
 - i. To Arrange Preaching.
 - ii. On Finance and Auditing.
 - iii. On Documents and Requests.
 - iv. On Nominations.
 - v. On Correspondence.
6. Call for correspondence.
7. Have the rules of decorum read.
8. Call the roll and erase absentees.
9. Hear the Report of the Board of Trustees.
10. Hear the Treasurer's Report and refer it.
11. Hear Reports of Standing Committees.
12. Give instructions about appropriating funds.
13. Appoint committees to report to the next session on the following subjects, viz :
 - i. On the State of Religion.
 - ii. On Missions of the Southern Baptist Convention.
 - iii. On Education.
 - iv. On Temperance.
 - v. On Sabbath Schools.
14. Hear miscellaneous Resolutions.
15. Make arrangements for printing and distribution of minutes.
16. Correct the minutes and adjourn.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

INCREASE. DECREASE.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	Sab. Meet'g	Baptized..	R'd by Let.	R'd by you.	Restored..	Dis. by Let.	Excluded	Dead..	Total..	Minutes..	Missions..	Dom. Miss.	For. Miss..	Ind. Miss..	Bib. cause.	Colporteur.	S. Schools..
Shiloh.....	B. Skipper	A. H. Kendrick..	Nixburg.....	4	12	0	1	3	8	1	1	110	3 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Elkatchie.....	do.....	A. T. Maxwell..	Adams' store.	2	1	1	5	6	6	1	1	49	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Friendship.....	J. J. Ballington	R. W. Palmer....	Bradford.....	2	5	8	2	18	2	2	2	62	3 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Zion, Tal.....	E. Greathouse..	A. J. Dodson....	Island Home.	2	15	8	2	2	2	2	2	115	3 00	2 85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Town Creek.....	B. Skipper.....	G. M. Gamble....	Adams' store.	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	24	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Spring Hill.....	J. J. Ballington	II. J. Pickard....	Good Water..	3	1	3	3	.....	.....	.....	1	42	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Liberty East, Tal.	J. H. Colley....	M. L. Thomas....	Dadeville....	1	10	4	2	3	3	3	3	36	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Liberty West, Tal.	J. M. Russell....	W. C. Barnes....	Fish Pond....	1	1	2	1	2	2	1	3	41	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Union.....	do.....	Nathan Jester....	Cen. Institute	1	18	6	2	24	2	2	2	173	5 00	.....	5 41	9 00	8 00	0 38	.....	1
Harmony.....	T. J. Russell....	.....	do.....	4	8	11	1	15	4	2	1	78	2 00	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethesda.....	T. D. Harrington	J. H. Willbanks..	Nixburg.....	2	2	7	5	1	4	2	1	44	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Concord.....	T. J. Russell....	J. D. Paschal....	Rockford.....	3	5	5	1	.....	11	2	2	80	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Shady Grove.....	J. Bankston....	R. S. Bussy.....	do.....	4	3	3	2	1	3	2	2	54	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Zion.....	Joel Nickols....	J. G. Gregory....	Wetumpka....	4	1	1	3	2	6	1	1	43	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Good Hope.....	P. Stout.....	Eli Walsworth..	do.....	2	1	3	3	1	15	6	4	109	3 00	7 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Bethlehem.....	J. H. Colley....	J. H. Norton....	Chauncyhatie.	3	27	3	1	1	15	6	4	74	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Refuge.....	W. C. Davidson..	J. N. Garrett....	do.....	1	4	3	9	.....	13	.....	1	20	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Antioch.....	B. Skipper.....	J. P. Collier....	Wetumpka....	2-4	4	1	7	3	10	1	1	79	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1st Wetumpka....	.....	A. J. Terrell....	do.....	1	18	16	5	1	5	5	5	90	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00	1
Mt. Olive.....	E. T. Atkins....	.....	Mt. Olive....	1	18	7	7	3	11	3	3	88	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethany.....	do.....	A. J. Smith.....	Wetumpka....	4	3	5	1	33	5	5	5	84	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wetumpka.....	do.....	.....	Marble Vail's	.....	7	21	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	43	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Union Springs..	.....	Jas. Mooney.....	Wetumpka....	3	33	14	4	1	6	2	2	78	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Moriah.....	E. T. Atkins....	H. Jones.....	Rockford.....	8	12	10	1	2	9	2	1	123	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Salem.....	J. R. Steely....	J. A. Logan.....	Hanover.....	1	4	4	4	1	4	3	1	51	3 00	1 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Poplar Springs..	J. Bankston....	J. L. Gilder....	Rockford.....	4	16	12	.....	1	14	.....	1	39	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rockford.....	P. Stout.....	J. W. Atkins....	Travels Rest	1	4	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sardis.....	E. T. Atkins....	.....	do.....	1	4	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Providence.....	B. H. Timmerman	.....	.....	1	207	188	7	21	214	33	17	2035	62 05	13 85	5 41	9 00	8 00	0 38	40 00	5

Total Increase, 423; Total Decrease, 264; Net Gain, 159. *These contributions made since last session.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS,

WITH THEIR POST OFFICES.

JOSEPH BANKSTON,	Nixburg,	Coosa Co.,	Alabama.	
J. D. WILLIAMS,	Wetumpka,	"	"	"
JOEL NICKOLS,	"	"	"	"
ROBERT STEWART,	"	"	"	"
B. H. TIMMERMON,	"	"	"	"
PLATT STOUT,	Central Institute,	"	"	"
J. H. COLLEY,	"	"	"	"
J. W. JETER,	"	"	"	"
W. W. B. WESTON,	"	"	"	"
B. SKIPPER,	Adams' Store,	"	"	"
J. M. RUSSELL,	Island Home,	Tallapoosa Co.,		"
T. J. RUSSELL	"	"	"	"
E. T. AKINS,	Rockford,	Coosa Co.,		"
J. R. STEELY,	Hanover,	"	"	"
JOS. HILL,	Sockapatoy,	"	"	"
Y. D. HARRINGTON,	Wetumpka,	Coosa Co.,		"

LICENTIATES.

D. HARRINGTON,	Wetumpka,	Coosa Co.,	"
CHARLES GREGORY,	"	"	"
W. C. BARNES,	Central Institute,	"	"
J. H. NORTON,	Chaneyhatchie,	Tallapoosa Co.,	"
ISALAH HOLMES,	Weogufka,	Coosa Co.,	"
G. M. BEARDEN,	Rockford,	"	"

DISTRICT MEETINGS.

- FIRST DISTRICT, Shiloh, Friday before the fourth Sabbath in July.
 SECOND DISTRICT, Concord, Friday before the third Sabbath in July.
 THIRD DISTRICT, Good Hope, Friday before the second Sabbath in August.
 FOURTH DISTRICT, Poplar Spring, Friday before the first Sabbath in August.